

THE HOWLER

“LEAD THE PACK, FIND YOUR PATH, & HOWL WITH PURPOSE”

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL JONES



Huskies,

This week we celebrated Attendance Awareness Week, and I want to thank you for helping us reinforce the importance of being present and on time every day. While we did not quite reach our goal of 95% attendance for the week, our students averaged just over 94% present—an accomplishment worth recognizing. Each day, teachers and staff shared the message that being in class not only supports learning but also builds good habits that last a lifetime. Together, we are laying the foundation for strong routines that prepare students for both school and beyond.

Another exciting milestone was our first Student Council elections. Congratulations to all the students who campaigned, ran for office, and bravely spoke to their peers about their vision for our school. These elections provided a meaningful opportunity for students to practice leadership, responsibility, and civic engagement. I look forward to working closely with Mr. Scarbrough and our newly elected Student Council to ensure student voices are heard as we continue to shape a positive, student-centered school culture.

Our athletic teams continue to bring pride and energy to our community. This Saturday, our softball team competes in the League Championship tournament, and we know they will represent our school with skill and determination all day long. Meanwhile, our football team is playing for playoff seeding, and we are excited to see how their season progresses. In addition, we are proud to announce that our first ever girls Flag Football Team held tryouts and started practice this week, marking a new and exciting chapter in our athletic program. Thank you to the families who come out to cheer, support, and encourage our student athletes. Their success is built not just on practice and preparation, but on the encouragement of our community.

Looking ahead, next week is Fall Break. Although we are out of school, learning does not have to pause. Students can take time to catch up on assignments, read for pleasure, or even participate in family “field trips” that explore new places, ideas, or skills. Whether it’s visiting a museum, cooking together, or simply spending time reading as a family, these moments build curiosity and reinforce the value of learning beyond the classroom.

When we return from Fall Break, families will notice a change on student schedules: Supervision classes will now be listed as Study Skills. This renaming and coding better reflect the work we are doing during SLED time to remediate, accelerate, and enrich classroom learning. SLED matters, and with this adjustment, it will now carry the weight of an official class in supporting every student’s success.

I have also received a few questions about progress report grades. It is important to remember that our grading is yearlong, meaning students can continue to make up work, demonstrate mastery, and show growth all the way through May. Progress reports serve as checkpoints and updates rather than final judgments. As far as year-end awards, the All-A and A-B recognitions will be based on cumulative averages at the end of April and the beginning of May. This structure emphasizes that learning is a process and that persistence pays off over time.

As we close out the week, I am reminded of a small but powerful moment from our Popcorn Celebration for perfect attendance. A student was leaving for the day and I overheard that student proudly telling their parent, “I didn’t miss a single day, and it mattered.” That joy and sense of accomplishment is what drives our work. Helping students see the connection between daily effort and long-term success. When families and schools work hand in hand to celebrate these milestones, whether through attendance, leadership, or athletics, we create a community where every student knows they are supported and valued. Enjoy your break and we look forward to the PACK reuniting on October 13th at 9:05 am!

Principal Jones

UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCTOBER 6-10 - FALL BREAK
OCTOBER 28- PICTURE DAY

ATHLETICS

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK



**10/4
SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
@ ED DEFORE**



**VOLLEYBALL
DISTRICT CHAMPIONS**



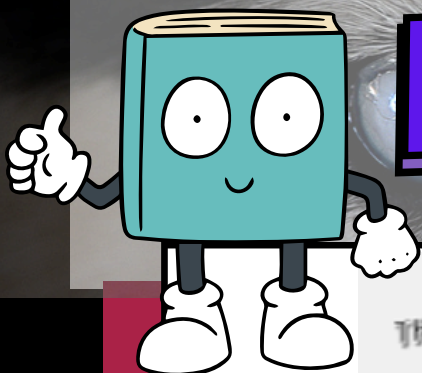
**10/4
FOOTBALL @ED DEFORE
12:30PM**



“SPORT”LIGHT

Join us this weekend at our Softball Championship!
Our game begins at 9:45AM!

MEDIA CENTER MESSAGE



THE 2025-2026 hms Bazillion word challenge

Rules

A "bazillion" is defined as a huge, unspecified number. Some kids may not read a million words, but that doesn't mean they shouldn't read. We will have prizes at each of the following milestones:

100,000 words, 250,000 words, 500,000 words,
750,000 words, 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 million words

You may count any kind of book as long as you read OR listen to it cover to cover. (As in the dictionary *only* counts if they actually read it cover to cover). Graphic novels, picture books, religious texts, and audiobooks, etc., are all fair game - EVEN IF IT DOESN'T HAVE AN AR TEST!

You must finish the book for it to count. No counting books that are abandoned halfway through! There are two reasons for this:

Reason #1: Word counts are only supplied for the book as a whole, not broken down by the chapter.

Reason #2 We don't promote or encourage students to book hop. We want to reward you for completing a book.

The Bazillion Word Challenge starts when the school year starts. Books read over summer break don't count unless it's a book you are still reading. This challenge will last for the whole school year. The challenge wraps up May 11, 2026

Stop by the media center for more info.

YES, the



Is open

September Challenge:

New Year-True Year Reading Challenge

Read two nonfiction (true) books that have at least 50 pages and pass the AR tests with an 80% or higher.

Prizes for this challenge & the words count for the bazillion word challenge

STORY TIME

**GET
READY**



**PICTURE DAY WILL BE HELD ON
OCTOBER 28, 2025!**

**ORDER FORMS WILL BE SENT OUT
THE WEEK AFTER FALL BREAK WITH
MORE DETAILS ATTACHED THEN!**